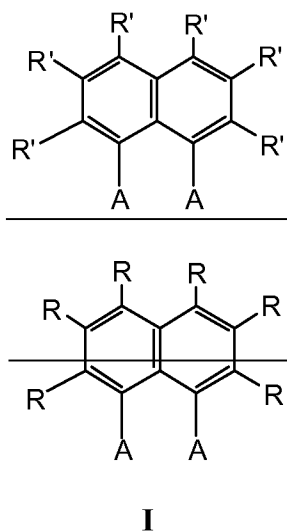


In the claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A compound represented by formula I:



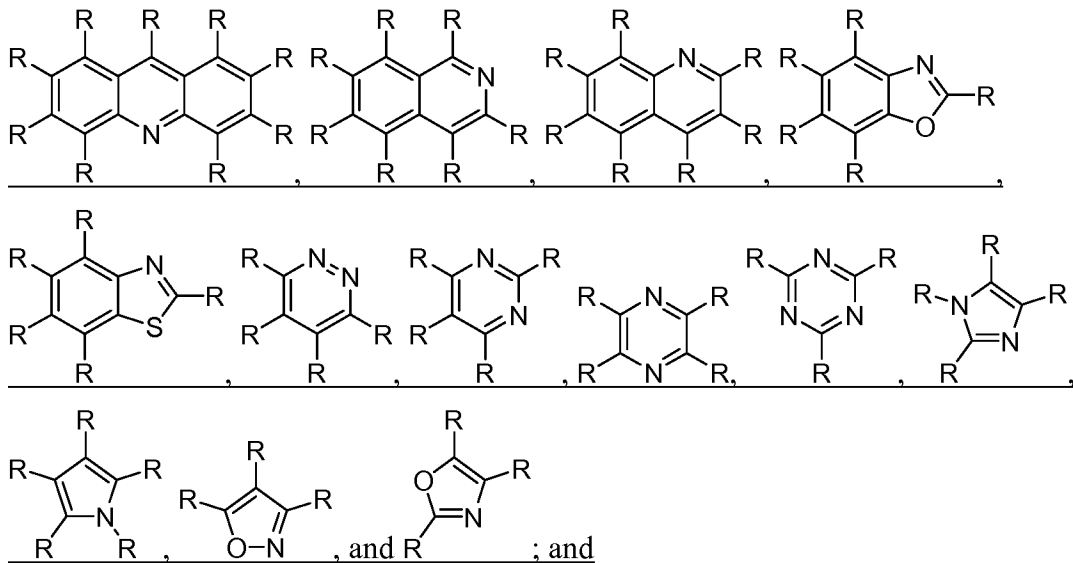
wherein

[[R]] R' represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, or alkenyl;

and

~~A represents independently for each occurrence aryl or heteroaryl~~

A is selected from the group consisting of:

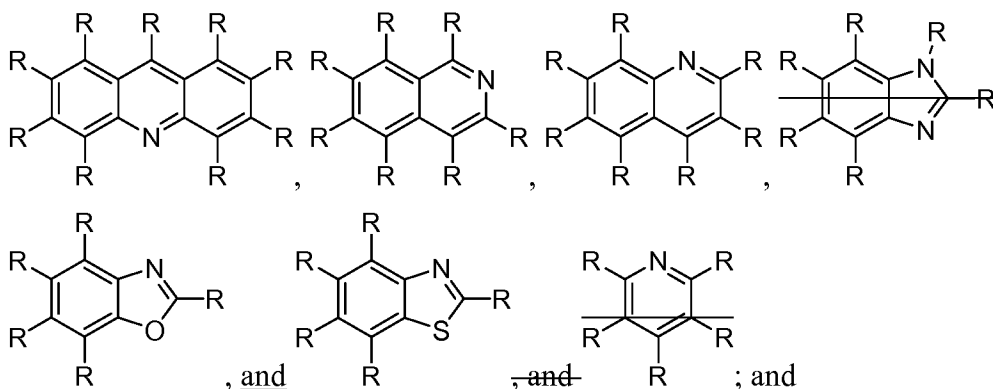


R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, or a bond to the naphthyl ring of the compound represented by formula I.

2. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 1, wherein R' ~~[[R]]~~ represents independently for each occurrence H or alkyl.

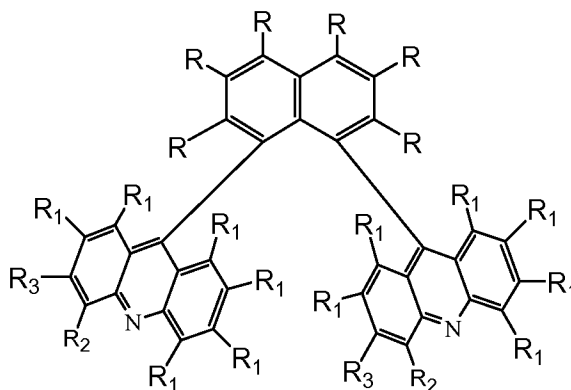
Claims 3-5 **(canceled)**

6. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 1, wherein A is selected from the group consisting of:



R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, or a bond to the naphthyl ring of the compound represented by formula I.

7. **(original)** A compound represented by formula II:



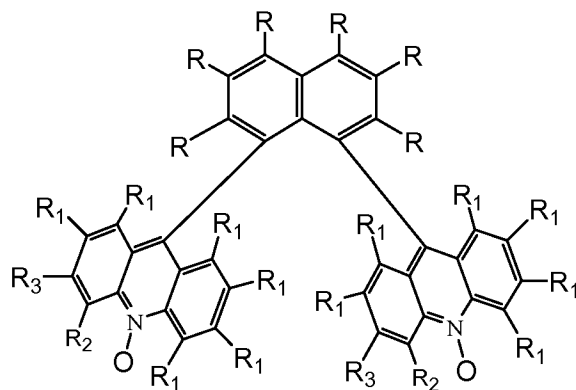
**II**

wherein

R, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>3</sub> represent independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, or alkenyl.

8. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence H or alkyl.
9. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence H.
10. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R<sub>1</sub> represents independently for each occurrence H or alkyl.
11. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R<sub>1</sub> represents independently for each occurrence H.
12. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R<sub>2</sub> represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, or aryl.
13. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R<sub>2</sub> represents independently for each occurrence alkyl.
14. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R<sub>2</sub> represents independently for each occurrence methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, or pentyl.
15. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R<sub>2</sub> represents independently for each occurrence methyl or isopropyl.
16. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R<sub>3</sub> represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, or aryl.
17. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R<sub>3</sub> represents independently for each occurrence aryl.
18. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R<sub>3</sub> represents independently for each occurrence an optionally substituted phenyl group.
19. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R<sub>3</sub> represents independently for each occurrence 3,5-dimethylphenyl.
20. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R<sub>1</sub> is H, R<sub>3</sub> is H, and R<sub>2</sub> is alkyl.
21. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R<sub>1</sub> is H, R<sub>3</sub> is H, and R<sub>2</sub> is methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, or pentyl.

22. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R<sub>1</sub> is H, R<sub>3</sub> is H, and R<sub>2</sub> is methyl.
23. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R<sub>1</sub> is H, R<sub>3</sub> is H, and R<sub>2</sub> is isopropyl.
24. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R<sub>1</sub> is H, R<sub>2</sub> is H, and R<sub>3</sub> represents independently for each occurrence aryl.
25. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R<sub>1</sub> is H, R<sub>2</sub> is H, and R<sub>3</sub> represents independently for each occurrence an optionally substituted phenyl group.
26. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R<sub>1</sub> is H, R<sub>2</sub> is H, and R<sub>3</sub> is 3,5-dimethylphenyl.
27. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein said compound is a chiral.
28. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein said compound is a single diastereomer.
29. **(original)** A compound represented by formula **III**:



**III**

wherein

R, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>3</sub> represent independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, or alkenyl.

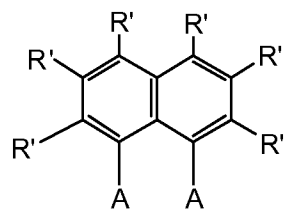
30. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence H or alkyl.
31. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence H.

32. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R_1$  represents independently for each occurrence H or alkyl.
33. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R_1$  represents independently for each occurrence H.
34. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R_2$  represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, or aryl.
35. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R_2$  represents independently for each occurrence alkyl.
36. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R_2$  represents independently for each occurrence methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, or pentyl.
37. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R_3$  represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, or aryl.
38. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R_3$  represents independently for each occurrence aryl.
39. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R_3$  represents independently for each occurrence an optionally substituted phenyl group.
40. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R_3$  represents independently for each occurrence 3,5-dimethylphenyl.
41. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R is H,  $R_1$  is H,  $R_3$  is H, and  $R_2$  is alkyl.
42. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R is H,  $R_1$  is H,  $R_3$  is H, and  $R_2$  is methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, or pentyl.
43. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R is H,  $R_1$  is H,  $R_3$  is H, and  $R_2$  is methyl.
44. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R is H,  $R_1$  is H,  $R_3$  is H, and  $R_2$  is isopropyl.
45. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R is H,  $R_1$  is H,  $R_2$  is H, and  $R_3$  represents independently for each occurrence aryl.

46. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R is H, R<sub>1</sub> is H, R<sub>2</sub> is H, and R<sub>3</sub> represents independently for each occurrence an optionally substituted phenyl group.
47. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R is H, R<sub>1</sub> is H, R<sub>2</sub> is H, and R<sub>3</sub> is 3,5-dimethylphenyl.
48. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein said compound is a single enantiomer.

Claims 49-83 **(canceled)**

84. **(currently amended)** A compound represented by formula I:

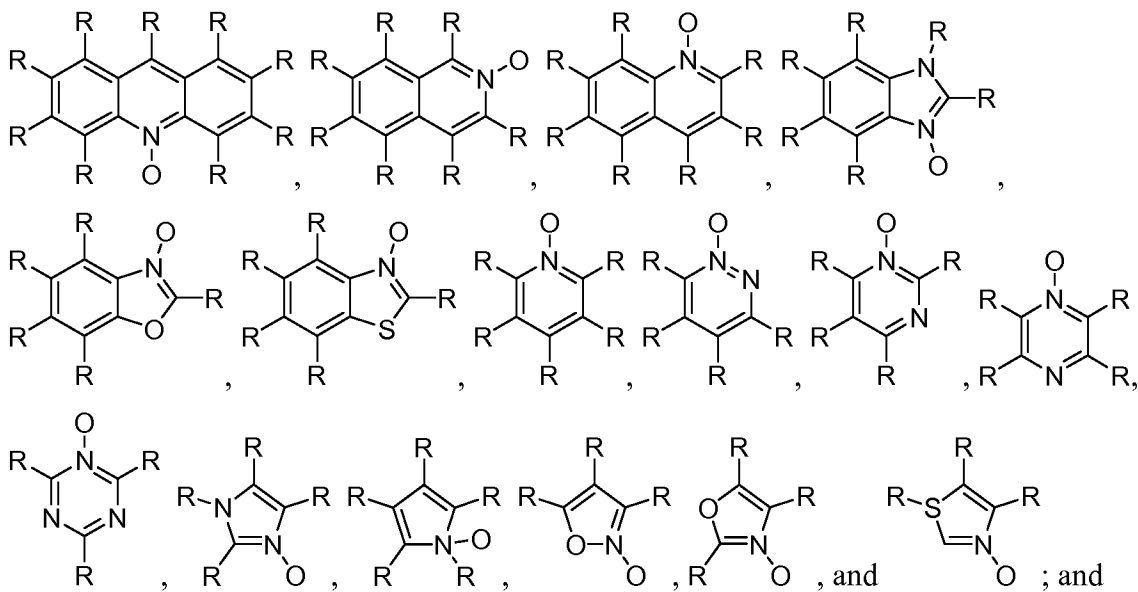


**I**

wherein

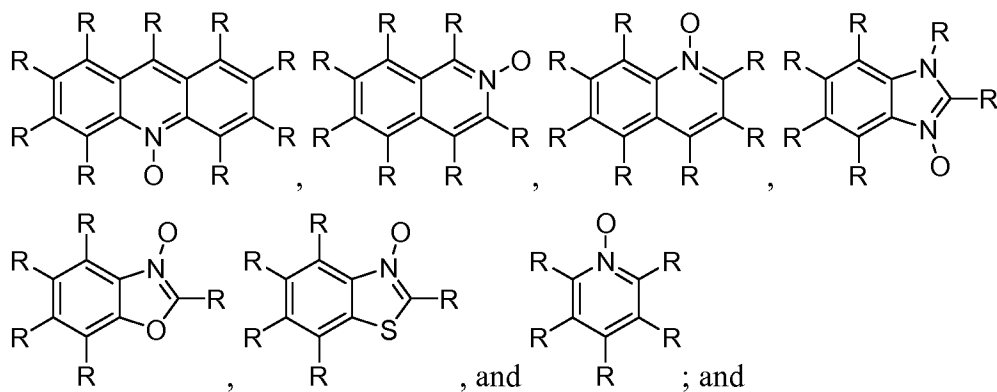
R' represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, or alkenyl;

~~The compound of claim 1, wherein~~ A is selected from the group consisting of:



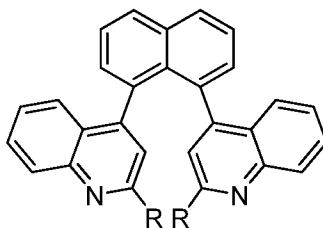
R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, or a bond to the naphthyl ~~naphthyl~~ ring of the compound represented by formula **I**.

85. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 84 [[1]], wherein A is selected from the group consisting of:



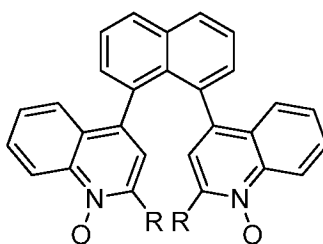
R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, or a bond to the naphthyl ~~naphthyl~~ ring of the compound represented by formula **I**.

86. (new) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is represented by:



wherein R represents H, alkyl, or aryl.

87. (new) The compound of claim 84, wherein the compound is represented by:



wherein R represents H, alkyl, or aryl.